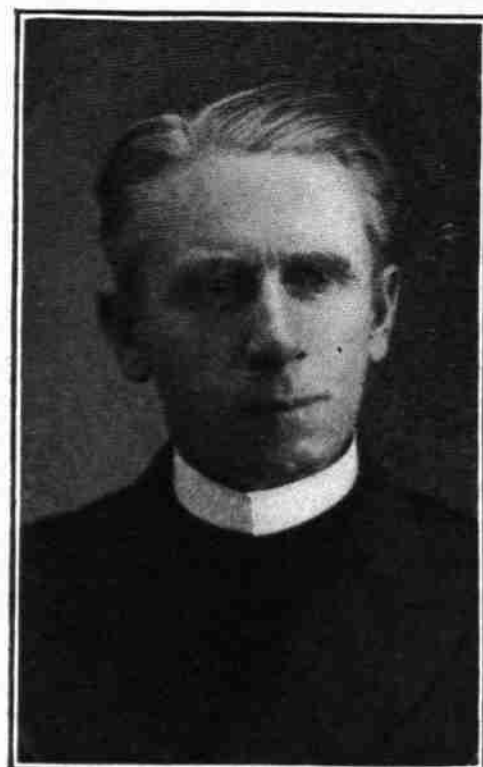


The Course at New Orleans

Rev. John Wier, D.D.

President New Orleans University, New Orleans, La. At Clifton Conference, August 10, 1908

WE have, at New Orleans University, a regular course of religious instruction, not necessarily a Methodist course, but a course in general religious work. We have a preaching service every Sunday morning and our Sunday-school every Sunday morning.



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These are not compulsory. We request our students to attend our religious services and we want them to attend just as carefully as they attend their class exercises. Our roll is taken in a quiet way, and any pupil not at Sunday-school is reported first to the superintendent of our Sunday-school, and then to the president, in his office, the next morning.

We have a regular instructor in our Sunday-school, and that instructor is a

member of the faculty. His duty is to see that the various courses are carried out and that the pupils are taught in the Sunday-school and are efficient as any graduates of our best universities. The consequences are that we are sending out hundreds of graduates to other universities every year, who are not only well grounded, but who understand how to conduct a Sabbath-school.

Last year I gave a course to the young people about Sunday-school work and taking part in it. When I was in Chicago we had something of the same kind, and I learned from our missionary in Chicago that perhaps every one of the Methodist Episcopal churches there grew out of a Sabbath-school. These young students will be trained in the Sunday-schools of our colleges and will go out among the people and in a little while will start Sunday-schools, out of the schools where they teach. Some have come from small schools, and through their efforts have grown some of the largest Methodist Episcopal churches.

If you can send, through the Sunday-School Association, persons to teach Sunday-school methods in the South, the institutions will be open to such a proposition and in this way we can reach a large number of schools all over the country.



NORMAL GRADUATES, NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY

The university aims to supply the great need of the South for competent teachers, by sending out normal graduates thoroughly equipped. These graduates are given State Board teachers' certificates without examination. The Normal Course covers five years.



CLASS OF NURSES, NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY

The Nurses Training School has 5 teachers and 31 students. Two courses are offered: one mainly theoretical, the other both practical and theoretical. The school has graduated 39 trained nurses. The Flint Medical College has 15 teachers and 32 students.